

concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called (NAFTA–QUITTA), and in accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), an investigation was initiated on November 17, 1998 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Mead Paper, Rumford Mill, Rumford, Maine.

Currently, there is a petition investigation (NAFTA–2745) in progress for the workers at the subject plant. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of December 1998.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182), hereinafter called (NAFTA–TAA), have been filed with State Governors under Section 250(b)(1) of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA–TAA petition has been received, the Acting Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes action pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment

on or after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of Pub. L. 103–182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA–TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because of increased imports from or the shift in production to Mexico or Canada.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing with the Acting Director of OTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, DC provided such request is filed in writing with the Acting Director of OTAA not later than December 21, 1998.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Acting Director of OTAA at the address shown below not later than December 21, 1998.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of the Acting Director, OTAA, ETA, DOL, Room C–4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 1st day of December 1998.

**Grant D. Beale,**

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#### APPENDIX

Subject firm	Location	Date received at Governor's office	Petition No.	Articles produced
Westinghouse Air Brake (Wkrs) .....	Foster City, CA .....	11/16/1998	NAFTA–2,734.	Pipe fittings.
Olin Brass (USWA) .....	Indianapolis, IN .....	11/13/1998	NAFTA–2,735.	Brass, copper, sheet, rod, tube and wire.
Pastar (Co.) .....	El Paso, TX .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,736.	Denim jeans.
ApparelMark (Co.) .....	El Paso, TX .....	11/16/1998	NAFTA–2,737.	Garment patterns.
Talon (Co.) .....	Stanley, NC .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,738.	Zipper equipment.
Pittsfield Woolen (Wkrs) .....	Pittsfield, ME .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,739.	Wool.
Active Quilting—Rockville Fabrics (UNITE).	Plains, PA .....	11/18/1998	NAFTA–2,740.	Quilted fabric.
Compaq Computer (Wkrs) .....	Houston, TX .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,741.	Computer.
Eaton Corporation (UAW) .....	Winamac, IN .....	11/18/1998	NAFTA–2,742.	Automotive switches, door lock, brakes.
Crane Valve (Wkrs) .....	Rogers, AR .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,743.	Coat steel gate valves.
Rockwell Automation—Allen Bradley (UE)	Milwaukee, MI .....	11/16/1998	NAFTA–2,744.	Industrial controls, starters contractors.
Mead Paper (Wkrs) .....	Rumford, ME .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,745.	Publishing & specialty paper.
Georgia Pacific (Co.) .....	Baileyville, ME .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,746.	Studs.
Aeroquip—Vickers (Co.) .....	Clinton Township, MI ..	11/04/1998	NAFTA–2,747.	Air conditioning connectors.
Thermo Power (UAW) .....	Sterling Heights, MI ....	01/04/1998	NAFTA–2,748.	Marine & industrial engines.
Mead Paper (Wkrs) .....	Rumford, ME .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA–2,749.	Publishing Specialty Paper.

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Subject firm	Location	Date received at Governor's office	Petition No.	Articles produced
National Garment Co (Comp) .....	St. Louis, MO .....	11/20/1998	NAFTA—2,750.	Children's Clothing.
AR Accessories Group, Inc (Wrks) .....	West Bend, WI .....	11/20/1998	NAFTA—2,751.	Retail Selling of Wallets.
Asarco, Inc () .....	Omaha, NE .....	11/20/1998	NAFTA—2,752.	Refined Lead, Bismuth.
Nortel (Wrks) .....	Nashville, TN .....	11/20/1998	NAFTA—2,753.	Repair Telephones.
AG-Chem Equipment Co (Wrks) .....	Jackson, MN .....	11/17/1998	NAFTA—2,754.	Farming Spray Equipment.
J.M. Huber Corp (Comp.) .....	Houston, TX .....	11/23/1998	NAFTA—2,755.	Oil and Gas Exploration and Production.
Anvil Knitwear, Inc (Wrks) .....	Whiteville, NC .....	11/24/1998	NAFTA—2,756.	T-Shirts.
Wundles (Wrks) .....	Williamsport, PA .....	11/30/1998	NAFTA—2,757.	Daywear, vests, camisoles, underpants.
Siebe (Co.) .....	Kendallville, IN .....	11/30/1998	NAFTA—2,758.	Infinite switches and pressure switches.
Tokyo Electron Oregon (Wrks) .....	Hillsboro, OR .....	11/20/1998	NAFTA—2,759.	Silicon wafers.
International Paper (AWPPW) .....	Gardiner, OR .....	11/24/1998	NAFTA—2,760.	Linerboard.
Bend Door (Wrks) .....	Bend, OR .....	11/24/1998	NAFTA—2,761.	Door parts.
Tycom (Wrks) .....	Adden Hills, MN .....	12/01/1998	NAFTA—2,762.	Drill bits.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Occupational Safety and Health Administration****[Docket No. NRTL-1-98]****National Technical Systems, Recognition as an NRTL****AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration; Labor.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Agency's final decision on the application of National Technical Systems for recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) under 29 CFR 1910.7.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This recognition becomes effective on December 10, 1998 and will be valid until December 10, 2003, unless terminated or modified prior to that date, in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.7.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N3653, Washington, DC 20210, or phone (202) 693-2110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Notice of Application**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice of its recognition of National Technical Systems (NTS) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory, for testing and certification of the equipment or materials, and use of the site and the supplemental programs, listed below. OSHA recognizes an organization as an NRTL, and processes applications related to such recognitions, following requirements in Section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Appendix A to this section requires that OSHA publish this public notice of its final decision on an application.

NTS applied for recognition as an NRTL, pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, and OSHA published the required notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 46079, 8/28/98) to announce the application. The notice included a preliminary finding that NTS could meet the requirements for recognition detailed in 29 CFR 1910.7, and invited public comment on the application by October 27, 1998. OSHA received no comments concerning this application for recognition.

You may obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the application by contacting the Docket

Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N2625, Washington, DC 20210. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-1-98, the permanent record of public information on the NTS recognition.

The address of the testing facility (site) that OSHA recognizes for NTS is: National Technical Systems, 533 Main Street, Acton, Massachusetts 01720.

**Background on the Applicant and the Application**

National Technical Systems, according to its application, is headquartered in Calabasas, California, and became established in 1963. Also, NTS became a public company in 1968 and is listed in the NASDAQ exchange. The applicant asserts it is an independent testing, engineering, research, and support services organization, with more than 30 years of product testing experience. NTS also states that it has provided testing services to the military/aerospace, commercial, and power industry, and has conducted qualification testing for the nuclear power industry for more than 20 years. The engineering services that NTS provides include design of instrumentation and specialized hardware, and electrical and mechanical engineering.

NTS submitted an application for recognition, dated September 30, 1994